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To whom it may concern:

Please know that I am very dissapointed with the settlement the US Government has reached with Microsoft. As far as I'm concerned, the corporate structure (Bundled OS & Applications) that allowed Microsoft to stifle and eliminate competition is still in place. Where is Netscape these days anyway? Do you see anyone using that browser anymore?

Their attorneys must be laughing a slapping backs over this one. If you had any MBA compare the remedies that are to be imposed versus continued monopolistic behavior, I can assure you that the latter is the better financial alternative.

We are talking about a company that currently sits on over \$35 billion in cash. Compare that to your remedies. Any small company that wishes to provide PC software applications that compete in anyway with a Microsoft product had better think again.

As a casual observer with no ties to the high tech or software industry, I have been alarmed at the predatory practices of Microsoft. It continues to this day. Just try to use a competing application on your PC. You should check out Windows XP and see the contempt they have for you. As a capitalist I admire Microsoft's aggressive and competitive tactics. As an entrepenuer, I am disheartened at the closed opportunities that will lead to the absence of software innovation.

I hope the nine states that are standing firm can help you remember the reasons why the suit was brought in the first place.

Regards,		
Michael Frawley		
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